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For: A METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING A TREE OF DISTRIBUTED OBJECTS IN

DIFFERENT PROCESSES USING A DATA STRUCTURE AT THE ROOT LEVEL OF

THE TREE (AS AMENDED)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of *one* (1) *month*, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of *November 20*, 2003 to *March 20*, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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